

What Most People Consider Tough Luck Is Merely the Efforts of Providence To Cuff a Little Commonsense Into Their Careless Heads

## VON BERNSTORFF HOPES BREAK CAN BE AVERTED

Ambassador Confers With Secretary Lansing Today

### CRISIS IN WAITING STAGE

Another Week May See an Extension of Passports and Recall of Gerard.

Washington, April 20.—Ambassador von Bernstorff today discussed with Secretary of State Lansing the possibility of averting a break of relations between Germany and the United States. The ambassador refused to give any of the details of the conference but he expressed himself as far from hopeless. He stated that he expected to receive instructions from Berlin early next week, although numerous conferences over the latest note and the president's message to congress would be necessary.

Washington, April 20.—Germany has been solemnly warned by President Wilson that diplomatic relations will be severed by the United States unless Germany "shall now immediately declare and effect an abandonment of its present methods of submarine warfare against passenger and freight-carrying vessels."

This warning, of the deepest significance and carrying the possibility of ultimate war, was given in similar words in the president's speech yesterday afternoon before the joint session of Congress and in a note sent to Ambassador Gerard at Berlin for transmission to the German foreign office, the text of which was made public last evening.

The president considers that the next step depends solely upon Germany, and that three or four days constitute a reasonable time for a reply, although no time is set in what amounts almost to an ultimatum.

He is willing to discuss how submarine warfare might be conducted within the limits of international law and humanity after Germany abandons her present methods, but the violation of international law by submarines will mean the severance of diplomatic relations, with increased possibility of war as only one modern instance—Germany and Italy—exists in which this action has not been followed by war.

The note to Germany sets forth the belief that a German submarine sank the channel steamer Sussex, and an appendix to the note sets forth the evidence available.

Had the recent attack on the channel steamer Sussex, the note tells Germany, been an isolated case, the United States might have hoped that the submarine commander acted in violation of his government's solemn pledges and that the ends of justice might have been satisfied by a disavowal, reparation, and his proper punishment. But, it adds, this case "unhappily does not stand alone."

The appendix shows that three American army and navy officers found in the hull of the destroyed ship screwbolts which correspond in use and identification marks with those on German torpedoes in possession of the French government at the naval station at Toulon, and 13 pieces of metal which they have identified as parts of German torpedoes. Four of them still bear the distinctive red paint common to German torpedo "war heads." Besides this evidence, the note contends, every circumstance either admitted by Germany in her disclaimer or proved by affidavit of persons on the destroyed liner proves beyond question that she was torpedoed without warning.

Congress received the president's declaration of his course with mixed evidences of concern and approbation. Most of the leaders, democratic and republican, thought the president hardly could do less and some expressed the opinion that his action would not lead to war. Republican Leader Mann alone of all the opposition leaders openly attacked the president for his stand. He characterized it as political play.

Copies of the American note were sent to representatives at Washington of neutral nations, on the assumption that they are as much interested as the United States in the protection of neutral rights. The document was not given to any of the belligerent diplomats, as the controversy is regarded as being solely between the United States and Germany.

Count von Bernstorff already has reiterated to Secretary Lansing that under no circumstances will Germany give up the submarine as a weapon of warfare, because she contends it is a retaliation for Great Britain's food blockade. The ambassador has declared, however, that his government will attempt to bring submarine operations within the law of nations. This the United States is willing to discuss after Germany had abandoned her present methods—not before.

The crisis now resolves itself into the waiting stage during which Ger-

## IN OLD VERMONT Community Play to Be Presented by Welfare Association.

This year occurs the 125th anniversary of Vermont joining the Union. A no more appropriate program than the one arranged for the play "In Public Library" that will be given by the Public Library Association, May 2nd. This is a play from Dorothy Fisher Canfield's "Arlington in 1791" which was presented so successfully at Arlington some time ago, but which has been enlarged upon to make a full evening's entertainment with the introduction of additional features that will make it one of the most novel entertainments ever presented by local talent in Bennington.

The scene is laid in Arlington in the log house of one early settler, Mr. Burton, in the year 1791, the occasion being Thanksgiving day with a reunion of the family and friends who, with their conversation full of Yankee wit and humor impart some early Vermont history and as Mr. Burton expresses it, "in a way that's a darn sight different than the history books tell it."

The great issue at that time, the question as to whether Vermont should join the Union or remain an independent nation, is the foremost topic of discussion and the old fashioned obstinacy of "Granny Baker" in her loyalty to King George and the Spirit of '76 in the hearts of the younger generations, call forth many arguments and amusing situations that not only amuse, but give us in an entertaining way conditions and customs of Vermont at that time. After the dinner the guests take part in a varied program each number of which is entirely in keeping with the time of the play.

There are 32 people in the cast, being coached by Mrs. Arthur Elliot and judging from the rehearsals already held, Bennington will take her place well forward again in the production of amateur theatricals.

## SCHILLER ON WAY TO PRISON Is Highly Pleased That He Was Not Sent to England.

Wilmington, Del., April 19.—Ernest Schiller, alias Clarence R. Hudson, who recently held up the Captain and crew of fifty-six men of the British freighter Matopogo on the high seas, was on his way today to the Federal prison at Atlanta in custody of United States Marshals. Schiller yesterday pleaded guilty to a charge of piracy and was sentenced to serve a life term.

Before leaving last night Schiller declared that his desire for revenge against England had prompted his act. At the same time, he said, he hoped to do something "for the cause of Germany." He denied that robbery had been his motive, and said that the chief reason of his plan to sink the Matopogo had failed because he did not want to kill anybody.

"When I took charge of the ship," he said, "it was so rough that it would have been murder to have forced the crew to get out in small boats, as I had at first intended them to do." Schiller said he was "highly pleased" that he was not being sent to England.

## EMDEN OFFICER ESCAPES Lieut. Fikentscher Gets Away from British, but Caught by Italians.

Syracuse, Sicily, April 19, (via Paris).—Lieutenant Fikentscher of the famous German raider Emden, which was destroyed by the Australian cruiser Sydney at Cocos Islands in 1914 after performing many daring exploits, made his escape from Malta, where he was taken as a prisoner by the British but is being detained here by the Italian authorities.

"I will commit suicide rather than return to the hands of the British," the lieutenant said. He maintains that as Germany is not at war with Italy the Italian authorities cannot surrender him to the British.

It doesn't matter so much where the home-light burns.

Whether in a fair or a desert land, If the voice of loved ones we can but hear.

And feel the touch of their hand, It doesn't matter so much what the world may grant.

Its treasures it may give or keep, If the heart is blessed with home's sweet rest.

And with friendship true and deep, J. M. Harvey.

## THAW GETS HIS DIVORCE Court Acts on Recommendation of Master Who Heard Testimony.

Pittsburgh, April 19.—John W. Thaw, master appointed to take testimony in the suit of Harry K. Thaw against his wife, Evelyn Thaw, today recommended to the court that Thaw should receive a divorce.

The decree was ordered by the court.

many will have opportunity to accede to the American demands. Before another week begins settlement of the long-standing issue either will be assured or Count von Bernstorff probably will have his passports and Ambassador Gerard will be leaving Berlin.

## WILSON'S DEMAND TOO LATE, SAYS ROOSEVELT

Position Should Have Been Taken, if at All, 14 Months Ago

### PRESIDENT HELD BLAMEABLE

Not Only for Present Conditions But For What May Happen in the Future.

New York, Wednesday, April 19.—Col. Roosevelt, commenting on President Wilson's address to the joint session of Congress today, said:

"If Germany now does as the president demands, it will be proof positive that if he had chosen to take the proper position at the time of the original 'strict accountability' note, the lives of all those women and children and other non-combatants would have been saved, and the causes of friction with Germany would have been removed."

"If, on the other hand, Germany does not do as requested, it is well to remember that such a note as the 'strict accountability' note 14 months ago is unpardonable, unless it is backed by the deed to make the words good."

"If it was meant to be taken seriously and to produce results, it should have been accompanied by immediate and thorough-going preparation; whereas, as a matter of fact, we are not now stronger by a man or a rifle or a boat or a gun, and of the amount of ammunition we have manufactured, a part was furnished to the Villistas who used it against our troops, and some have since been furnished to the Carranzistas, who have likewise used it against our troops."

The colonel believes that Mr. Wilson is to blame for the country's plight today and will be to blame for what happens to it in the immediate future.

Col. Roosevelt came to town today and spent nearly the entire day at his desk where he was besieged by visitors, social and political.

### STRUCK BY TRAIN

Fred Chapron Walks a Mile With Fractured Skull.

North Adams, April 20.—Fred Chapron, 27, whose home is at 74 Mill street in Bennington, walked a mile with a severely fractured skull after having been hit by a Boston and Maine train near the Williamstown line Tuesday night. Chapron was walking from Williamstown to his home in Bennington and took to the tracks as the short cut. When about a mile from the Bennington station, he stepped out of the way of an approaching train directly into the path of one coming from the opposite direction and was hurled several feet when the locomotive struck him. He lay on the ground for a time and later gathered sufficient strength to rise and start walking toward his home. He reached there about 8:30 bleeding profusely and in a weak condition. Dr. William Galvin, who was called, ordered him removed to the hospital in North Adams, where he is now in a serious condition, but his recovery is expected.

## NEW NOTE FROM GERMANY It Contains Affidavits Relating to Sinking of Sussex.

Berlin, April 19, via London.—The foreign office transmitted today to the American embassy a supplementary note in regard to the Sussex containing affidavits sworn to by a Swiss passenger on the Sussex that the steamship was not torpedoed and also a statement to the effect from an American passenger.

### SELECTS BAKER'S ASSISTANT

Ingraham, Former Mayor of Portland, Me., Is the Man.

Washington, April 19.—William M. Ingraham, former mayor of Portland, Me., has been selected by President Wilson for assistant secretary of war. The nomination was signed today. Mr. Ingraham will succeed Henry Breckinridge, who resigned with former Secretary Garrison.

### Watch Child's Cough.

Colds, running of nose, continued irritation of the mucous membrane if neglected may mean Catarrh later. Don't take the chances—do something for your child! Children will not take every medicine, but they will take Dr. King's New Discovery and without bribing or teasing. Its sweet pleasant Tar Syrup, so effective. Just laxative enough to eliminate the waste poisons. Almost the first dose helps. Always prepared, no mixing or fussing. Just ask your druggist for Dr. King's New Discovery. It will safeguard your child against serious ailments resulting from colds.

## BAYONET CHARGE DRIVES FRENCH OUT OF QUARRY

Germans also Take and Lose 200 Yards of Trenches

### BIG GUNS BANG ALLIES' LINES

Several Positions in Verdun Field of Operations Shelled by German Artillery.

London, April 19.—Heavy shelling of the French and British lines was the chief activity of the Germans on the front as a whole today, the Verdun positions at Hill 304, Le Mort, Momme, and Camieres and the region of Douaumont and Vaux receiving particular attention.

At Eparges there was a brisk engagement, in the course of which the Germans gained a footing in 200 yards of trench, only to be ejected with serious loss by a counterattack.

Berlin reports fierce bayonet fighting during last night in the stone quarry south of Haudremont farm, resulting in the capture of the quarry.

The German official communication reads:

"East of the Meuse our troops during the night captured the stone quarry south of Haudremont farm, thus completing the success of Monday. A great part of the occupants fell in a fierce bayonet engagement. More than 100 men and several machine guns fell into our hands."

"A French counter attack against the new German lines northwest of Thiaumont farm failed."

"Minor enemy infantry detachments which attempted to approach our trenches at several points on the front were repulsed by our infantry and by hand grenade attacks."

No mention of any desperate fighting near the Haudremont farm is made by the French War office in its morning bulletin, which merely says:

"There was no event of importance last night, excepting a rather violent bombardment east of the Meuse, in the region south of Haudremont wood."

Rome, April 19.—The following official communication was issued today: In the region of Aormello Monday our Alpine troops drove out the last remaining enemy detachments along the summit of the ranges and occupied Monte Pume Pass, 3,402 meters above the sea level.

In the Ledro Valley, with the destruction of the enemy's successive lines of resistance, we continue a gradual advance toward the summit of Monte Sperone.

### Could Hardly Do Her Work.

Housework is trying on health and strength. Women are as much inclined to kidney and bladder trouble as men. Symptoms of aching back and sore joints and muscles, blurred vision, puffiness under eyes should be given prompt attention before they lead to chronic or more serious ailment. Mrs. George Hauck, 355 Pearl St., Benton Harbor, Mich., writes: "I was awful bad, with such pain I could hardly do my work, and I am very thankful for Foley Kidney Pills."

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## TORNADO CLAIMS TEN VICTIMS IN MIDDLE WEST

Sections of Kansas and Nebraska Storm Swept Today

### ALL OF A HUNDRED INJURED

All Wires Down and Details of Disaster Are Not Yet Obtainable.

Kansas, City, Mo., April 20.—Ten persons are known to have been killed and upwards of a hundred injured by a tornado that swept sections of Kansas and Nebraska today. The property damage is enormous.

Wire communication to the afflicted district is completely cut off and details of the disaster can not be obtained.

### FAMOUS DRUMMER BOY

Gave Entertainment Assisted by Local Talent.

Major Robert H. Hendershott, the famous drummer boy of the Rappahannock and one of the spectacular heroes of the civil war, gave an interesting entertainment at Library hall Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Sons of Veterans. He was assisted by his son H. B. Hendershott, who is an expert fife, and several local artists.

Major Hendershott is a wonderful drummer. He used two drums, one of which was presented him by Horace Greeley and the other by the national G. A. R. Of his selections the most striking was the imitation of a railroad train. Major Hendershott also read several selections.

The local persons who took part were Mrs. Helena Downs, E. E. Long, G. A. Parker, Miss Mildred Farnum, Miss Nellie Ray, Mrs. Guy Norton, Marshall Clark, John McGurn, Roy Chen and Miss Lella Stickle. There was a fair attendance.

### AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Special Services For Good Friday Tomorrow Afternoon.

St. Peter's church, services tomorrow Good Friday, 8:30 a. m. morning prayer and Litany. Noon to 3 p. m. vespers service in memory of the three hours our Lord hung upon the Cross.

The seven words and the meditations upon the same will occur approximately as follows:

First Word: "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." Man's Relation to his Enemies. 12:20 p. m.

Second Word: "Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." Man's Relation to his Neighbors. 12:45 p. m.

Third Word: "Woman behold thy son." Son, behold thy mother." Man's Relation to Woman. 1:10 p. m.

Fourth Word: "My God! My God! Why hast Thou forsaken Me?" Man's Relation to himself. 1:35 p. m.

Fifth Word: "I thirst." Relationship to Life Present. 2:00 p. m.

Sixth Word: "It is finished!" Relationship to Life Past. 2:20 p. m.

Seventh Word: "Father, into Thy hands I commend My Spirit." Relationship to Life to Come. 2:40 p. m.

7:30 p. m. Evening Prayer. "Litany of the Incarnate Life" will be sung. On Saturday afternoon there will be Holy Baptism at 4:30.

### MOTHER AND DAUGHTER DEAD

Former Dies Natural Death, Girl Then Hanged Herself.

Troy, N. Y., April 19.—Neighbors broke into the home of Mrs. Elias Falle near this city today, having recently seen no signs of life there, and found the woman dead in bed. Investigation led to the discovery of her daughter's body suspended from a beam in the cellar. The case was at first thought to have been one of murder and suicide, but an autopsy revealed that Mrs. Falle had died from natural causes and it is thought the daughter finding her mother dead took her own life. Mrs. Falle was 72 years of age and her daughter, 40.

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## G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT Gathering of Veterans and Other Bodies Held.

Burlington, April 18.—Capt. Henry C. Streeter of Brattleboro was this afternoon elected department commander of the Vermont G. A. R. at the 49th annual encampment of the Vermont department which opened this morning at 10 o'clock in the city hall. He was opposed by F. H. Ketchum of Randolph. The next encampment will probably be held in Brattleboro. The Ladies of the Grand Army, Relief corps, Sons of Veterans and the Ladies' auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans are participating in the encampment.

The attendance of veterans, considering the depletion made in the ranks during the past year is extremely gratifying, the majority of the 86 Grand Army posts in the state being represented.

The net loss in membership for the period was 77. There were 80 deaths. The gains included 19 mustered in, six by transfer and 13 by reinstatement. The same number of posts remain in the encampment as a year ago.

The address of the retiring commander, George P. Martin of Burlington, was read at the morning session.

The annual meeting of the Women's Relief corps, department of Vermont, was held today in Masonic temple. The attendance was unusually large. There are 60 local corps with jurisdiction with a total membership of 3020. Rutland corps is the largest with 191 members. All are flourishing as may be seen when it is stated that there has been a net gain of 64. Eighty have died.

The Ladies of the G. A. R. met today with many delegates. This order is flourishing. Mrs. Myrtle Parker of Burlington presided.

Mrs. Nellie Stone of Morrisville, president of the Sons of Veterans auxiliary, presided at the annual meeting held this afternoon. The auxiliary officers presented reports of the year's work.

The Sons of Veterans gathered in large numbers at the annual meeting. Sessions were held in Grand Army hall, Arthur W. Robinson of Barre, commander, in the chair.

A splendid showing was made by the department this year. Camps were instituted at Middletown Springs, Montpelier, Glover, Bethel and Underhill, the last two being reinstatements. There are 29 camps with a total membership of 865, against 24 camp and 761 members at the beginning of the year.

Reports were made by Senior Vice Commander Elias Janzaw, Rutland; Junior Vice Commander H. L. French of South Londonderry; Secretary E. E. Perry of Barre, patriotic instructor, A. L. Guild of Lyndon and councillor, William Sargent of South Royalton.

The principal officers elected today are: Vermont department G. A. R. commander, Capt. H. C. Streeter of Brattleboro; vice commander, D. W. Davis of Chester; junior vice commander, J. M. Tracy of Middlebury; medical director, Dr. C. M. Ferrin of Essex Junction; chaplain, C. W. Bush of Brookline.

Woman Relief corps, President, Mrs. Helen Barnett of Concord; senior vice president, Mrs. Nellie Crowley of Rutland.

Sons of Veterans: Commander, E. B. Gleason of Manchester Depot; senior vice commander, J. P. Hoadley of Wallingford. Elias Janzaw of Rutland was elected a member of the division council.

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Mysterious Fire Burns Shops of the Patch Co.

### STARTED BY AN EXPLOSION

Plant Was Engaged in Making Shells for the Allies—Loss is Set at About \$25,000.

Rutland, April 20.—Fire of a somewhat mysterious origin yesterday destroyed one of the buildings of the F. R. Patch Manufacturing company's plant in which work on munitions for the entente allies has been in progress for some months. The lives of the 100 or more men who were in the building when the fire broke out were endangered by the explosion of a large tank containing oil for use in tempering shells. No one was injured, although the escapes of several working near the oil tank bordered on the miraculous.

A report that the fire was caused by the dipping of an overheated shell into the oil was characterized as very unlikely by F. R. Patch, president of the company, in a statement last night.

"The fire was caused by an explosion, the nature of which we do not know," was all the president would say when asked for his opinion as to the probable cause of the fire.

The building, 150 feet long and 60 feet wide, was completely destroyed. The damage, which will amount to at least \$25,000, is well covered by insurance.

The structure housed a wood-working shop in addition to the room containing the apparatus for making shells.

The fact that there was little or no wind blowing at the time probably prevented a much more disastrous fire. As it was, many other buildings in the neighborhood, including six dwelling houses, caught fire from sparks or from the intense heat to which they were subjected. These were saved only by the hardest kind of work by the city fire department.

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